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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Cuomo et al. Serial No.: 09/826,431

Group Art Unit: 1645

Filed: April 4, 2001

For: ABSORBING AND NON-ADSORBING SURFACES FOR BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS

Date: August 10, 2001

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SUBMITTAL OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.63

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533), mailed May 23, 2001, enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application, which has been executed by the named inventors.

A check in the amount of \$65.00 is also enclosed to cover the surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).

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